



Xiomara Rodríguez Picado, Oven #18

Dear Friends,

This year marks 10 years of Bricks to Bread. What began as a simple idea to help one family has grown into a replicable model for sustainable change, made possible by your generosity and faith in this mission.

Over the past decade, our women entrepreneurs have launched bakery businesses, families have gained stability, and communities now have access to fresh, homemade food where it was once scarce.

Oven by oven, we have seen how lasting impact is created through empowerment, partnership, and selflessness.

We celebrate this milestone with deep gratitude and renewed commitment to the work ahead.

Thank you for supporting us as we continue breaking cycles of poverty and building brighter futures together.

With gratitude,

Nancy Fitzimons Alvarado
Founder & President
Bricks to Bread International



Bricks to Bread International

2025 Impact and Annual Report

"I love that you teach people how to bake and help them become self supporting rather than just give them money." Susan N.

2025 Highlights



Maritza Aguirre (left), Oven #26

MISSION:

Bricks to Bread International promotes global unity and empowers women in rural Latin America to overcome poverty by building bakeries and fostering entrepreneurial leaders to sustain families and communities.

"Most of our travel is for our personal relaxation and discovery of new places in posh setting. But, I came back this time with a different kind of excitement about the ability to serve and contribute to the betterment of Maritza and her family." Oven Build Volunteer

Empowering Women Entrepreneurs

5 new communities received ovens

5 additional households overcame poverty

19 new direct beneficiaries being served

1,720 new indirect beneficiaries being served

4th annual leadership conference

33 conference attendees represented 19 oven project sites

8 multi-generational pairs attended annual conference

5 partners provided instruction at annual conference

Community Engagement

26 outreach and fundraising events

257 volunteers involved in programs

Building Global Leaders

55 engaged youth volunteers

1 summer student intern

More 2025 Highlights

- Welcomed two new board members
- Established 2 new partnerships in Latin America and 1 new partnership in the United States.
- 98% newsletter deliverability rate, 69% engagement rate, 93% increase in social media interactions



María Díaz, Oven #19

From María (left): "I am capable of achieving whatever I set my mind to. I don't let myself get down just because things don't go the way I want; I just keep moving forward."

Ana Yancy (right) is expanding her bakery with a greenhouse and coffee processing area next to the oven. Soon, she'll offer customers roasted coffee with fresh baked goods!



Ana Yancy Elizondo, Oven #23

10 Reasons to Celebrate 10 Years

27 communities have oven projects

41 households have overcome poverty through use of their oven

417 family members are being served personally and consistently

15,665 community members have access to healthy, preservative-free products

226 outreach and fundraising events have increased awareness of our mission

1,730 volunteers dedicated their time to our programs and oven builds

415 youth have engaged in Bricks to Bread activities as global leaders and volunteers

6 student interns have learned skills in nonprofit management, donor communications, and more

6 staff members manage operations and logistics in Costa Rica and the U.S.

500,000+ Loaves and bread products have been sold to empower women entrepreneurs

"Visiting [Bricks to Bread] ovens was so much more than travel — it was connection, community, and a firsthand look at how sustainable projects continue to transform lives long after the build. These ovens are far more than bricks and mortar — they fuel entrepreneurship, empower women, and strengthen families for generations." April S.



Jeanneth Rugama, Oven #17



Women of San Jerónimo, Oven #21



Youth Building Oven #15

Coming in 2026

- 6 new oven projects
- 2026-2030 strategic plan implementation
- 10th anniversary appeal and celebration
- 34 outreach and fundraising events in St. Louis Park and Alexandria
- 5th annual leadership and business conference in July

Making a Difference



Marjorie Camacho Martinez, Oven #22

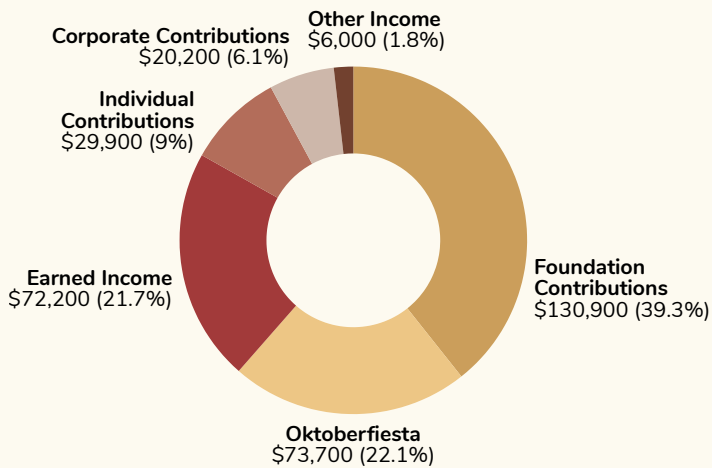
Marjorie bakes multiple times a week, sells out of her products in minutes, and customers ask for more! With her savings, she and her husband, José, are investing in Marjorie's business. They purchased internet for the first time, are fixing up their house, and recently bought a motorcycle for delivering orders.



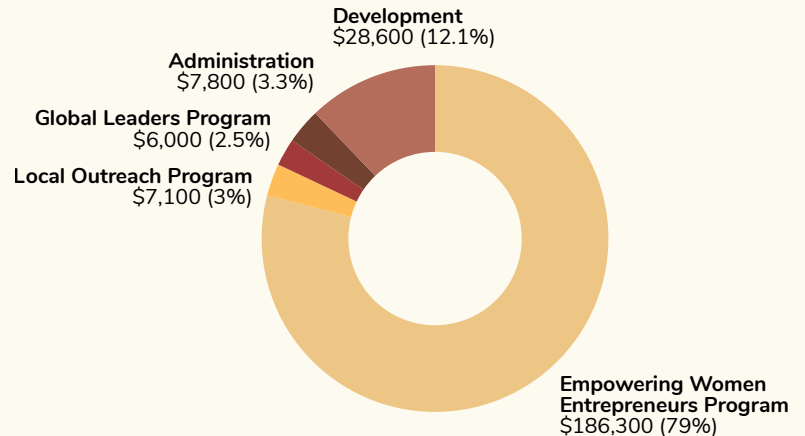
Katy Tenorio Jarquín, Oven #11

Katy is back to baking after cancer treatment. She hosts visiting volunteers and new entrepreneurs and loves sharing her family's recipe for dulce de leche empanadas. In fact, it's the recipe Xiomara's 14-year-old daughter uses when she bakes on her own and sells empanadas at school.

2025 Financials: Revenue



2025 Financials: Expenses



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